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1. DANISH AND FAROESE REPS, INCLUDING FAROESE HOME GOVERNMENT (FHG) VICE CHAIRMAN FINNBOGI ISAKSEN AND MINISTER OF FISHERIES PETUR REINERT, MET WITH U.S. DEL ON JUNE 1 TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR GOVERNING INTERNATIONAL FISHERY AGREEMENT (GIFA). AFTER BRIEF INTRODUCTION BY DANISH REP, REINERT EXPLAINED ASPECTS OF 1948 HOME RULE ACT UNDERWHICH FAROESE HAVE QUOTE COMPETENCE UNQUOTE IN FISHERIES BUT GOD RETAINS QUOTE COMPETENCE UNQUOTE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS. REINERT REFERRED TO QUOTE FRAMEWORK UNQUOTE FISHERY AGREEMENT IN PROGRESS WITH CANADA AND AGREEMENTS ALREADY CONCLUDED WITH EEC, ICELAND, NORWAY, SWEDEN AND USSR, SAYING FAROES HOPE TO NEGOTIATE SUCH AGREEMENTS WITH ALL NORTH ATLANTIC COUNTRIES WHERE THEY HAVE FISHED TRADITIONALLY.

2. U.S. DEL EXPLAINED BACKGROUND OF FCMA, PROCESS UNDER WHICH SURPLUSES, IF ANY, ARE IDENTIFIED, CRITERIA  
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FOR FOREIGN FISHING AILOCATIONS, AND REITERATED THAT GIFAS IN NO WAY GUARANTEE ALLOCATIONS IN U.S. ZONE. U.S. DEL FURTHER NOTED SHARP DECLINE IN FOREIGN FISHING OFF U.S. ATLANTIC COAST IN PAST TWO YEARS AND THAT PROSPECTS FOR ANY FISHING BY FAROESE ARE UNCERTAIN AT BEST. U.S. SIDE INFORMED FAROESE OF CURRENT SHARK SURPLUS, BUT UNDERLINED INTEREST OF U.S. RECREATIONAL

FISHERMEN IN PORBEAGLE AND INDICATED THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS NOW UNDER DEVELOPMENT MAY ALTER CURRENT PRELIMINARY PLAN SIGNIFICANTLY, INCLUDING AVAILABLE SURPLUS. FAROESE REP INDICATED HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN SHARK SPECIES OTHER THAN PORBEAGLE IN NORTHWEST ATLANTIC OR OTHER SURPLUS STOCKS WHICH MAY BECOME AVAILABLE.

3. FAROESE OFFERED NO SUBSTANTIVE MODIFICATIONS TO GIFA OTHER THAN INCLUSION OF FHG AS A PARTY. FAROESE EXPLAINED THAT WHILE GOD RETAINS CONTROL OVER FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNDER THE HOME RULE ACT, THE FHG POSSESSES AUTONOMY IN FISHERY MATTERS; THUS BOTH GOD AND FHG NEED TO BE PARTIES TO INTERNATIONAL FISHERY AGREEMENTS. AFTER THIS GENERAL EXPLANATION, U.S. DEL INDICATED NEED TO SEE SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT PROPOSED BY THE FHG AND REQUESTED MATERIAL DETAILING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GOD AND THE FHG BEFORE REACHING A FINAL RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUE. THE FHG PROVIDED COPIES OF AGREEMENTS NEGOTIATED WITH THE USSR AND EEC IN THE FORMAT THEY HAVE PROPOSED FOR THE GIFA. THE FHG AND GOD REPS SAID THEY WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT SOON, AND EXPRESSED HOPE TO MEET IN WASHINGTON TO FINALIZE AGREEMENT WITHIN NEXT SIX WEEKS. STOESEL

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